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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Ex Parte Communication
WC Docket No. 12-375; Inmate Calling Services

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am the Director of the McKinley County Adult Detention Center, New Mexico. This Center hereby files an ex parte communication in connection with the above-reference proceeding. The Center supports the comments and reply comments that were filed by the National Sheriff's Association in this proceeding. The purpose of this filing is to submit additional information specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Detention Centers must be allowed to recover their costs if ICS services are to continue to be widely available in jails.

Inmate calling is a discretionary service to our jail(s) and it is allowed for the benefit to the inmates and their families. If we are not permitted to recover the costs associated with the provision of ICS service, we will not be ripping the phones off the walls, but we will be forced to significantly limit access to inmate phones in our jail. Today our Detention Center houses approximately 328 inmates. Currently, we have the resources to allow significant access to ICS service and inmates are able to make call up 23 hours per day. In the month of March, inmate made 3,981 telephone calls. The number of hours of recorded conversations in March were 720 which equals 23 hours every day seven days a week. Today we have 03 officers that routinely monitor calls every day for 4 to 5 hours and when reports are forward to the facility.

Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do not at least cover our costs, will limit our ability to continue to allow ICS in this

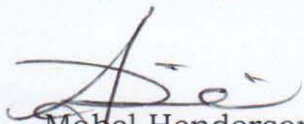
manner. If we do not receive compensation for our officer time to monitor calls to protect the public we will have no choice but to reduce the availability of our phones to no more than a 02 hours each week to prevent any type of unlawful acts from our facility, i.e., inmates calling to victims, calling being placed for contraband and drug movements, the monitoring of random telephone conversations is very important to assist us in preventing additional criminal active from or within our facility. We must have officers available to listen to phone calls to prevent this type of tragedy, criminal activity, today the facility has prosecuted five (5) cases Officers and inmates through monitoring of conversations.

The McKinley County Adult Detention Center has gone through a huge budget cut of at least 1.0 million in operating monies with the possibilities of lying off of personnel. If the cost of allowing ICS must complete with all other budget needs, it may not be funded. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has its own source of funding, it is less likely to be impacted by the budget process.

Accordingly, Detention Centers incur significant costs in allowing ICS in jails and must be allowed to recover their costs to be able to continue to allow ICS and to encourage the deployment of ICS in jails.

If you have questions, Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you for your efforts to resolve this issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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